

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the second paragraph on page 8 (lines 13 – 27) of the Specification as follows. A marked-up version of the amended portion of the Specification is attached hereto.

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In the second embodiment, the relative movement of the circuit board 2<sup>1</sup> away from the system chassis 6<sup>1</sup> is provided by the slidable coupling of the engaging projection to the system chassis 6<sup>1</sup>. The biasing force of the circuit board 2<sup>1</sup> to the system chassis is provided by the spring 62 which is secured to the slidably mounted engaging projection 54 at one end and to the other end to the system chassis on the coupling 64. As before, as the lever arm 50 is lowered so that the arm is flush with the edge 22<sup>1</sup>, thereby providing the force for engaging the first and second parts of the electrical connector, the engaging projection 54 is arranged to be slidably mounted in the slidable mounting 56 to the effect that the circuit board can move away from the chassis thereby relieving any strain which may occur as a result of the manufacturing tolerances combining to reduce the relative distances between the first and second parts of the connector. The biasing spring 62 however forces the circuit board towards the chassis in opposition to the slidable movement away from the chassis. Again the slideably mounted engaging projection, in combination with the biasing spring provide a flexible coupling between the engaging projection and the lever arm.

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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1. ~~An ejector mechanism for a circuit board and back plane operable to provide resiliently biased engagement between a first part of an electrical connector and a mutually engaging second part of said electrical connector, said first and second parts of said electrical connector providing electrical connection for a plurality of electrical channels between said circuit board on which~~